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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on July 6, 2006, and concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection that was mailed on December 18, 2007, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-514736, in which the following documents were cited:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2002-72763 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof;
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2001-201978 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof;
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4. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2003-076209 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof;
5. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2003-066762 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof;
6. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2-157782 A;
7. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 10-74009 A;
8. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2002-236429 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof; and
9. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2003-215958 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof, and patent family members U.S. Patent No. 6,625,417 and U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2003/0152406, 2003/0170055 and 2004/0081490.

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The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection. With regard to document 1, the Japanese Examiner asserts that a cooling device and a control means are disclosed. However, Applicants submit that the Examiner is incorrect and that a control means to instruct the cooling device as in the present application is not disclosed.

Applicants note that above-noted Documents 3, 6 and 7 were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of July 6, 2006, and thus, copies of Documents 3, 6 and 7 are not provided herewith.

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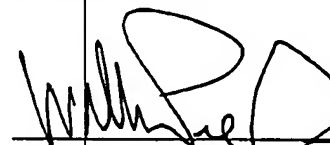
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